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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this Application is requested.

The Examiner has objected to claim 10. Claim 10 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Claim 6 has been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §112, because claim 6 has a step of removing sharp corners from the second image, which step does not appear in the specification.

Claim 7, not claim 6, contains the above mentioned step. The above step has been added to paragraph [046] of the Specification.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 4 and intervening claims. Thus, claim 1, as amended, and those claims dependent thereon, are patentable.

In view of the above, claims 1-3 and 5-13, as amended, are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, would he please call the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,



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